

Whereas, Aimee Nagle has devoted herself to serving others through her membership in the Girl Scouts; and

Whereas, Aimee Nagle has shared her time and talent with the community in which she resides; and

Whereas, Aimee Nagle has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Aimee Nagle must be commended for the hard work and dedication she put forth in earning the Girl Scout Gold Award;

Therefore, I join with the Girl Scouts, the residents of West Lafayette and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Aimee Nagle as she receives the Girl Scout Gold Award.

CONGRATULATING MICHAEL B. KITCHEN

**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2003*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend congratulations to Michael B. Kitchen, an outstanding business and community leader. On May 17, 2003, the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations will bestow upon Mr. Kitchen the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in New York City. The Ellis Island Award honors an immigrant who exemplifies outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional life. Michael Kitchen, a Canadian and United States citizen, has shown through his significant contributions to the greater Madison area that he is richly deserving of this prestigious award.

Michael Kitchen has achieved a high level of professional success. After three years as head of the CUMIS Group of Canada, Mr. Kitchen was appointed President and CEO of its subsidiary, CUNA Mutual Group, in 1995. Since Michael Kitchen took over, the organization has achieved dramatic growth in revenue, significant improvement in productivity, and a near doubling of financial strength. Mr. Kitchen's work in this particular field has furthered economic growth not only in the Madison community, but worldwide.

Michael Kitchen is firmly committed to furthering the insurance and financial service industry. For more than thirty years he has worked tirelessly to foster the credit union movement. He serves on both the Board of Directors for the American Insurance Association and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

In addition, Michael Kitchen has a long record of service to the community. He is on the board of directors for the United Way of Dane County and the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce. Both of these commitments show his strong sense of civic duty as he generously gives of his time and talent.

Today, I join the extensive circle of Michael Kitchen's friends and colleagues in offering my sincere congratulations for receiving this honor. Michael Kitchen is one of Wisconsin's best and we are proud to recognize him today.

IN RECOGNITION OF YOM HA'SHOAH—THE HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

**HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2003*

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Day. More than fifty years have elapsed since world experienced the horrors of the Holocaust. Year-round, we actively battle against ignorance and disbelief through educating and informing others about the causes, realities, and legacies of the Holocaust. But there is one day during the year when we make a special effort to commemorate the Holocaust. Although no singular day stands out as representative of the destruction and suffering that spanned the years of the Holocaust, we set aside the day of Yom Ha'Shoah, which corresponds to the 27th of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar, to memorialize the tragedy and pay tribute to all who suffered.

Today, we remember those who endured, those who fought, and those who died during World War II. We recognize not only the loss of more than six million Jewish lives, but also the loss of human potential. Entire families were decimated during the terror that marked this dark time in history. We call to mind the descendants of victims of the Holocaust who never had the opportunity to make their contributions to mankind. And we recall the heroes who risked and surrendered their lives in the greatest fight for freedom and democracy the modern world has ever known.

Our greatest tribute to those millions who suffered at the hands of the Nazis will be to ensure that their memory will forever endure in our hearts. It is through our reflections on Holocaust Remembrance Day that we acknowledge our loss, and it is through our actions that we educate future generations and build a new world for them. The fires of hatred, which blazed so brightly in Europe from 1939 through 1945, have not yet burned out. They continue to smolder in the hearts of terrorists worldwide. Today we join in a solemn bond with the victims of the Holocaust to extinguish the fires of hatred and to ensure that the world will never suffer such a horrific tragedy again.

With contemporary illustrations of antagonism fresh in our minds, we marvel at the strength and character of the Jewish people. Their steadfast determination to rebuild their lives following the Holocaust has given the world a remarkable model of resolve. Through their example, we can glimpse the extraordinary human spirit that rises above the fruitlessness of anger and resentment. With this special day and with our deeds we honor that spirit. Mr. Speaker, we observe Holocaust Remembrance Day to always remember and never forget. I am proud to recognize Yom Ha'Shoah and urge all Americans to do the same.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE C. EYRICH

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2003*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of George C. Eyrich, a dis-

tinguished Cincinnati lawyer, public servant and friend, who passed away on April 15, 2003.

George Eyrich was part of a family legacy of public service. He led the Hamilton County, Ohio Republican party for nine years with deft skill and gentle persuasion. His father, George F. Eyrich, Jr., also served as Hamilton County Republican Chairman and as a Municipal Court judge.

George C. Eyrich was a good listener, a gentle man and a wise counselor. When someone remarked that he was "too nice to be a politician," he responded that he just lived his words. George was the party chairman when I was a college student on the staff of the campaign of my predecessor in Congress, Bill Gradison, and for the later campaigns of President George H.W. Bush. He loved politics, and was a good mentor.

A lifelong resident of the Cincinnati suburb of Westwood, he graduated from Western Hills High School, Ohio Wesleyan University; the Harvard College of Business; and the University of Cincinnati College of Law. George served our nation as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Navy stationed in the Pacific during World War II. He practiced law in Cincinnati as a partner in Wesselman & Eyrich.

George served as treasurer of the Ohio State Central Committee; chairman of the Hamilton County Republican Central Committee's Policy Committee; and chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Elections. He was also very involved in civic affairs. He served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of St. Francis-St. George Hospital, and a member of the board of directors for the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, the University of Cincinnati, and the Cincinnati Central YMCA.

Devoted to his wonderful family, George is survived by his wife of 60 years, Gertrude ("Trudy"); a son, David; two daughters, Carole and Janet; five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

All of us in Cincinnati are grateful for George's leadership and public service and we feel blessed for having known him.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM KAISER

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2003*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of William A. Kaiser, an outstanding volunteer firefighter from Halesite, New York.

After serving in the United States Coast Guard, Mr. Kaiser joined the Halesite Fire Department 50 years ago. He rose to the rank of Chief of Department, following in the footsteps of his father. He is still an active member of the Department today. Chief Kaiser is the epitome of what a volunteer fireman exemplifies: dedicated, caring, selfless, honest and trustworthy.

I commend Chief Kaiser for his dedicated service to firefighting on Long Island, and congratulate him on 50 years with the Halesite Fire Department.